power shortage of 21.6 percent by the end of the Seventh Plan period;

(b) if so, what will be the total demand and what will be the total availability;

(c) what are the areas where the power shortage will be more acute;

(d) what will be the position of the Southern States relating to power shortage after the Seventh Plan period; and

(e) what steps are being considered in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) The Northern Region of the country is anticipated to face a peaking shortage of 21.8 per cent by the end of the Seventh Plan period.

(b) The anticipated demand and availability of power in the Northern Region in 1989-90 is given below:—

Peak demand	14474 MW
Peak availability	11318 MW
Energy requirement	72080 MU
Energy Availability	71657 MU

(c) Peaking power shortage is expected to be more acute in Jammu and Kashmir, Rajasthan and Delhi whereas energy shortage is expected to be more acute in Jammu & Kashmir and Rajasthan.

(d) The Southern Region is anticipated to face a peaking shortage of 16 7 per cent and energy shortage of 18.8 per cent in 1989-90 The peaking shortage in Tamil Nadu may be about 21 per cent followed by 20.3 per cent in Karnataka. 17.8 per cent in Andhra Pradesh and 3.6 per cent in Kerala. The energy shortage in Andhra Pradesh may be about 28.1 per cent followed by Karnataka (27 per cent), Tamil Nadu (11.3 per cent) and Kerala (10.6 per cent).

(e) The steps being taken to increase the availability of power in the Southern Region include expediting commissioning of new capacity, implementation of short gestation projects, improving the performance of the existing power stations, reducing Transmission & Distribution Losses and implementation of demand management and energy conservation measures.

Conference of power Ministers of Southern States

576. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Conference of Power Ministers of the Southern region was held on April 30, 1988 at Bangalore;

(b) if so, what were the main points discussed at the Conference;

(c) how many States attended the Conference; and

(d) what are the main suggestions made by the Southern States regarding power position in the region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) to (d) No conference of Power Ministers of the Southern States was organised by Ministry of Energy, Department of Power on April 30th, 1988 at Bangalore.

National perspective power transmission Plan of Central Electricity Authority

577 SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Electricity Authority has formulated a National Perspective Power Transmission Plan;

(b) if so, what are the main features of the proposed Plan and what amount will be required for the implementation of the Plan; and